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Letter dated 28 December 2004 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Myanmar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the letter dated 13 December 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to you (S/2004/978).

I wish to express my objection to the circulation as a Security Council document of the European Union (EU) Presidency document regarding my country. The Security Council is not the forum for the issue. Under the Charter of the United Nations, the Security Council is mandated with the maintenance of international peace and security. The issue raised by the EU Presidency is not by any means an issue of international peace and security and therefore does not fall within the competence of the Security Council.

The situation in Myanmar is considered annually under an agenda item of the Third Committee of the General Assembly. To facilitate this consideration, the Permanent Mission of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations has circulated to the General Assembly a comprehensive and accurate memorandum concerning the situation of Human Rights in Myanmar (see A/C.3/59/5).

The attempt by the EU Presidency to place the issue of Myanmar on the agenda of the Security Council is totally unacceptable and therefore my Government objects to the circulation of the EU Presidency document as a Security Council document.

Furthermore, I wish to point out that the official name of my country is **Myanmar** and not "Burma/Myanmar", or "Burma", as contained in the annex to the letter. The United Nations and all other international organizations officially recognize the name of my country as **Myanmar**. It is unacceptable to insist on referring to my country by any other name.

I would be grateful if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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